

as a protest against conditions existing in Colorado.

Canon City, Col., April 27.—With rumors of heavy fatalities being circulated here, coal mine strikers today entrenched at the Chandler mine of the Victor-American Fuel Company, which they captured late Sunday after a fierce battle with mine guards.

Reports from the scene are conflicting. Estimates of dead vary from four to thirty. It is impossible to get an estimate of wounded. Men reported dead are:

Charles King, mine guard; John Thomas, mine engineer; Robert Prince, son of the marshal of Chandler; Charles Dinich, saloonkeeper.

Between 800 and 1,000 armed strikers occupied the mine and the camp late Sunday, rushing in from the surrounding hills after the mine guards and strikebreakers had fled. It is impossible to ascertain definitely what is transpiring there, as wires have been cut.

The strikers are known to be heavily armed and plentifully supplied with ammunition.

It is believed the strikers dynamited a part of the Chandler camp and mine, after capturing a party of guards.

Heavy explosions were heard during the night near the Royal Gorge mine and it was reported a fight between strikers and guards at that point was proceeding.

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One of the most dramatic mass meetings in Colorado history was held here yesterday when five thousand men and women gathered in the rain on the state house lawn and adopted resolutions denouncing the militiamen who participated in the Ludlow massacre. The resolutions "branded" Gov. Ammons and Lieut.-Gov. Fitzgerald "as traitors to the people and

accessories to the murder of babies," and called upon the legislature to impeach both "as false to their oaths and to their God." The principal address was made by George Creel of New York.

### CHICAGO LABOR MEN WILL AID COLORADO STRIKERS.

Chicago labor leaders are today consulting their attorneys to learn if it would be a violation of the interstate law to send guns to the miners of Colorado, who are defending their homes against the guns of the hired thugs of the mine owners.

Two telegrams were received by the Chicago Federation of Labor from Denver today. The first was from the Denver Trades Assembly and was signed by C. R. Hoag, president, and W. R. Welsh, secretary of that body. It read:

"Working people of Colorado prepared to defend homes against the imported gunmen and Rockefeller agents. Guns and ammunition needed. Act at once. Send all donations to W. R. Welsh, Denver Trades Assembly, Box 1372."

The other was from J. W. Sanford, sec'y of the Cigar Makers' Union, Railroad Building, Denver, Col. It merely said:

"Send funds to equip companies now being formed to protect our liberties."

Following the receipt of the two telegrams the executive board of the Chicago Federation went into immediate session. They will report back to the general body at its regular meeting next Sunday. It is expected that the main body will agree to go the limit in helping the union men of Colorado.

Congressmen A. J. Sabath, W. E. Williams and Frank T. O'Hair have sent telegrams to the Chicago Federation announcing their intention of heeding the labor body's resolution against war with Mexico which was sent to President Wilson and all members of Congress.